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## HELPING ALBERTA COMMUNITIES LOWER ENERGY COSTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New funding will help municipalities access technology to lower electricity bills and reduce emissions.

Many Alberta municipalities are looking for ways to improve energy efficiency and save taxpayer money by reducing energy costs. However, upgrades and improvements are often expensive or otherwise challenging for communities to put in place.

In response, Alberta is offering a new \$3-million Municipal

Electricity Generation Program to help municipalities lower the costs of powering and heating recreation centres, town halls, libraries and other community buildings. Communities can now apply for rebates to help improve their electricity systems, reduce operational costs and lower emissions.

“Alberta municipalities are often looking for new opportunities to reduce emissions and lower energy costs for residents and businesses. This investment made through the industry-funded TIER program will help com-

munities invest in practical upgrades that will also help save taxpayers money.”

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas  
“Smart technology is the future of our electricity system. By helping municipalities invest in modernizing their energy systems, we’re ensuring that our rural communities not only save money now, but for years to come.”

Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities

Starting September 24, municipalities can apply for

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## LEDUC RCMP CATCH TWO BREAK-AND-ENTER SUSPECTS IN THE ACT

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Aug. 6, 2024, Leduc RCMP responded to a report of two intruders at a rural residence in the area of Highway 39 and Range Road 262 in Leduc County.

RCMP members immediately responded to the area where they were advised by the property rep. that they had arrived at the residence and interrupted the break and enter. One of the suspects fled on foot and the other fled in a vehicle which became disabled and the suspect then fled on foot.

Members of Leduc RCMP with the assistance of the Alberta RCMP

Police Dog Services searched the area, located and arrested both suspects.

Dallas Christopher Halladay (36), a resident of Devon, Alta. was charged with the following:

- Break and enter
- Fail to comply with release order

• Failure to stop after accident

Following a judicial hearing Dallas Halladay was remanded in custody. He has since been released and is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on Sept. 26, 2024.

Sheldon Dean Halladay (39), a resident of Devon was charged

with the following:

- Break and enter
- Fail to comply with probation order

Following a judicial hearing Sheldon Halladay was remanded in custody. He has since been released and is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on Sept. 26, 2024.

Leduc RCMP would like to thank the member of the public who observed a crime in progress at a rural property and reported it to police immediately. This person was instrumental in this duo being caught by police.

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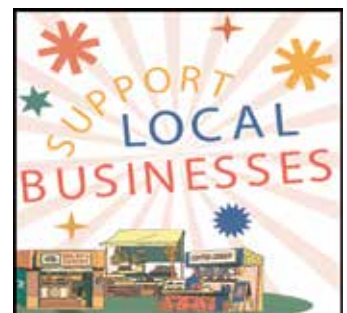
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# Helping Alberta Communities Lower Energy Costs

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up to \$500,000 in funding for microgeneration systems that

can help reduce their electricity costs. Eligible costs include the equipment, materials, labour, installation, and project or construction management costs required to complete the project.

“Our 260 member communities welcome the addition of this forward-looking provincial program that encourages them to install alternative electricity generation technologies in municipal buildings. It’s a step in the right direction.”

Tyler Gandam, president, Alberta Municipalities

“The Municipal Electricity Generation Program will help rural municipalities install microgene-

ration systems on their facilities that will reduce their emissions. Programs like this are important to our members and rural communities across Alberta.”

Paul McLauchlin, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

“We are thrilled to announce the Municipal Electricity Generation Program, an initiative that empowers Alberta municipalities to take control of their energy future. This program demonstrates environmental leadership, reduces operational costs and contributes to a sustainable energy future for Alberta.”

Trina Innes, executive director, Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

Applications for the program will close in March 2026 or when funding has been fully allocated, whichever comes first. Municipalities are encouraged to visit the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre’s website for more information.

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# NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW MENTAL HEALTH CLASSROOMS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is making progress on its promise to open 60 mental health classrooms across the province, bringing nine more online this September.

Alberta's government is building a full continuum of care for those facing mental health and addiction challenges. With services including prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery, Albertans are getting access to world-class mental health care that is helping rebuild and strengthen lives across the province. A primary focus is building the Alberta Recovery Model, which is based on the belief that recovery and wellness is possible, no matter what mental

health or addiction challenge someone may face.

As part of the Alberta Recovery Model, the province has partnered with CASA Mental Health to make record-breaking expansions to services for children and youth. Through this partnership, Alberta is investing \$70 million over three years to bring online a total of up to 60 CASA Mental Health Classrooms across the province. This September marks another step towards that goal with the opening of nine classrooms in seven communities throughout Alberta.

"Services like this are important to the long-term success and well-being of children and youth who are right now facing some very difficult challenges with their mental health. Every kid de-

serves to know that help is available, and that they can recover and live fulfilling lives. Our government is going to continue with investments like this that change the lives of children, youth and their families."

Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"Student well-being and mental health is our top priority. This expansion of CASA Mental Health Classrooms will ensure that our most vulnerable students will get the in-school supports they need to help them succeed academically, build healthy relationships and confidently transition into adulthood."

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education

CASA Mental Health Classrooms provide a unique setting in which students facing

complex mental health challenges can receive professional care without disrupting their education. Students are also able to maintain their social lives and stay connected to their peers. Each classroom is staffed with a full-time teacher, mental health therapist, mental health aide and other staff who support students in their recovery. Caregivers are also provided with resources to support the child or youth during and after the program.

"This partnership with the Government of Alberta is bringing services closer to Alberta's children and families. The goal is to provide mental health services earlier to more children and youth to prevent treatment in hospitals and

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When the alarm sounds, the men and women of our fire departments answer the call without hesitation, saving thousands of lives and homes from devastating fires.

During Fire Prevention Week, we salute these brave men and women, who risk their own lives protecting the lives of others. We recognize that each of us has a responsibility to exercise awareness and caution in preventing fires by putting safety first.

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## Fire Prevention Patrol

Always keep looking for ways to prevent and protect yourself against fires, especially during

**Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14**

**Try these helpful tips to get you started with fire safety:**

- Replace smoke alarm batteries at least once a year.
- Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Replace old, worn or damaged appliance cords.
- Keep matches and lighters in a locked drawer or cabinet, away from small children.
- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Plan two exits out of every room.
- Always make sure candles, matches and cigarettes are properly extinguished.
- If you believe fire may be outside the room, check the door and doorknob for heat before opening it.
- Practice fire drills at home and at school. Find the fastest, safest exit route.
- In the event of a fire, leave the house quickly and don't go back inside! Call for help from a neighbor's house.

## Follow these 9 tips to help protect yourself, your family and your property against fire hazards.

1. Install a fire alarm in every sleeping area and on every level of your home, and be sure to test alarms every month. Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of death in a home fire in half.
2. Check the manufacture date on the back of your home's smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be replaced at least every 10 years! Batteries should be replaced every year.
3. Never leave burning candles unattended, and always keep matches and lighters out of reach from children.

4. Make a fire action plan, so every member of your household knows how to escape and where to meet outdoors.
5. Over half of home heating fire deaths are caused by equipment being placed too close to things that can burn. Make sure furniture, clothing, mattresses and bedding are at least three feet from heating sources.
6. Always turn off space heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep. Space heaters are the cause of about 79 percent of fatal home heating fires.

7. Remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. Turn off the stove whenever you leave the kitchen, and never leave home while food is cooking.
8. Inspect electrical cords regularly, and replace cords that are cracked or damaged or have broken plugs or loose connections.
9. In the event of a fire, crawl to safety. Use the back of your hand to see if a door is hot before opening it. If it feels hot, try to use another exit.



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# New School Year, New Mental Health Classrooms

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empower them to thrive.”  
Bonnie Blakley, chief executive officer, CASA Mental Health

“I am excited to see more children and families able to access CASA Mental Health through CASA Classrooms. After many years as a principal, I saw first-hand the benefits of mental health classrooms. I also experienced the impact CASA makes on kids and families. CASA saves lives. School-based supports decrease the risk of treatment in hospitals by providing services in the setting where children and teens learn, grow and thrive.”

Janet Hancock, board chair, CASA Mental Health

Alberta’s government first supported the introduction of CASA Mental Health Classrooms in 2023 and continues to back their ex-

pansion to more schools. As of this September, 17 CASA Mental Health Classrooms are operating throughout the province, more than double what was available last school year. Classrooms will continue to open in a phased approach, with a total of up to 60 Classrooms, supporting about 140 Alberta communities by 2026. Once all are online, CASA Mental Health Classrooms will be helping about 1,500 students each year.

“When our daughter needed help, CASA Classrooms were a healthy space for her to learn and grow in. She gained a multitude of skills and tools to cope with emotional distress, while being academically successful. The CASA Classroom has been a great success for our daughter, and I am thrilled to see more Albertans be able to access this program.”

Alicia Long, parent of CASA Mental Health Classroom alumni student

“The partnership with CASA Classrooms makes it possible to continue providing a continuum of essential mental health supports to students in the division. This new classroom aligns with our long-standing commitment to ensuring students have access to learning environments that meet them where they are and help them to grow and thrive at school.”

Cathy Allen, board chair, Elk Island Public Schools

CASA Mental Health is a valued partner and the second-largest provider of community-based mental health services for children and youth in Alberta. The non-profit organization focuses on supporting youth who have mental health challenges that are complex

but do not require treatment in a hospital or other acute care setting. Provincial funding supports many of their programs, including a CASA House currently operating in the Edmonton region and three new CASA House facilities that will open elsewhere in Alberta over the next few years, along with other specialty services.

Alberta’s government is making record investments in mental health services to support Albertans of all ages in their pursuit of wellness and recovery. This includes investing in digital supports like 211 Alberta and Kids Help Phone, supporting youth mental health hubs, increasing access to eating disorder treatment for young Albertans and investing in affordable virtual and in-person counselling.



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# BRINGING MOBILE LUNG SCREENING TO RURAL ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

More Albertans living in remote communities will soon have better and more timely access to lung screening, leading to improved treatment and health outcomes.

Alberta's government is committed to providing high-quality health care services for all Albertans, no matter where they live in the province. To ensure Albertans can get the care they need close to home, Alberta's government and the Alberta Cancer Foundation are partnering with the not-for-profit 19 to Zero to support mobile lung health units that will bring screening services to underserved communities across the province.

Investing in mobile services available in rural and remote communities will increase the likelihood of early detection and treatment, improving health outcomes and bridging gaps in the health care system. The mobile screening program will receive \$1.5 million from Alberta's government, which

will be matched by the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

"We are committed to ensuring every Albertan has access to the health care services they need when and where they need them. These mobile units will help bridge existing gaps in the health care system and improve outcomes for Albertans in rural and remote areas."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

"Living outside of a big city shouldn't mean less access to vital testing and screening services. Early detection is key to successful cancer treatment, and these specialized mobile clinics will bring essential diagnostics to thousands of Albertans in rural, Indigenous and underserved communities each year."

Wendy Beauchesne, CEO, Alberta Cancer Foundation

The mobile lung health units will travel to and service underserved, high-priority communities across the province. Patients in these communities often experience

lengthy travel times to reach their closest diagnostic centres, which can lead to delayed diagnoses and the suboptimal management of lung conditions.

"19 to Zero is excited to be partnering to provide mobile health services for lung cancer and lung health testing. Many Albertans face health care access challenges, particularly in rural and remote areas, and this mobile unit will help improve equitable access across the province."

Theresa Tang, co-founder and CEO, 19 to Zero

The mobile units include a converted medical sprinter van for pulmonary function testing (PFT) and a custom-built diagnostic imaging truck. The units will be designed and operated by Aceso Medical, and they will use mobile internet and Starlink to integrate with Connect Care, ensuring instant access to test results for radiologists and pulmonologists.

The mobile lung health units will provide PFT and computed technology (CT) scans, which are

critical diagnostic tools for identifying and managing lung diseases like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer. Across Canada, these services are predominantly available in urban centres, leaving rural and remote communities without access close to home.

Alberta's government will work with health care partners and local leadership to help determine areas of need for mobile visits. A website will be developed where the location and schedule of the units will be available.

The pulmonary function testing van is expected to be operational and on the road in spring 2025, with the CT truck following in late summer. Once operational, these mobile units will be able to complete more than 4,000 PFTs and up to 6,000 CT scans per year.

Alberta's government is committed to improving outcomes for Albertans diagnosed with cancer and will continue to engage in partnerships to leverage the growing life sciences sector.



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Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Sept. 29, 2024, at approximately 2:17 p.m., Leduc RCMP responded to a two vehicle collision on Highway 795 at Township Road 490, between a Nissan Sen-

tra and Dodge Ram. Upon arrival, it was determined that a female passenger in the Nissan, a 28-year old resident of Edmonton, was deceased. There were two other occupants of the Nissan who were taken to hos-

pital, one by ground ambulance and one by STARS. The two occupants of the Dodge were taken to hospital by ground ambulance as well.

The RCMP collision reconstructionist attended and

the investigation continues. RCMP sends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

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### Obituaries



Vera Daniels

July 30, 1940-July 16, 2024  
 Vera Daniels, age 83, of Gunn, Ab, passed away Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, in Stony Plain Hospital Palliative care. Vera was born July 30, 1940 in Warburg Ab. to John and Elsie Beierbach who preceded her in death. Also, preceding her was her sister Alice Cambell and her sons, Douglas, Patrick, James, and Adrian Sawchuk. Vera is survived by her two

brothers, Edwin (Isabel) (Judy-predeceased) and Emile (Myra) Beierbach, and brother-in-law Joe Cambell and daughter-in-law Lori Sawchuk. Also, by her grandchildren, Jason, Dustin and Bradley Sawchuk, Craig Dewald and Danielle (Tyler) Vandemark. She also leaves behind a number of great grandchildren.

The family would like to share their heartfelt gratitude towards the nurses at the Sturgeon Community Hospital, Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre,

and the Palliative care nurses at Stony Plain Hospital.



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It is with heavy hearts that the family of Leona Pyska announce her passing on September 3rd.

Leona will be forever loved and remembered by her sons Brad (Patsy), Darrel (Deb), and Marc; her daughter Leanne (Gerry) as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Leona was predeceased by her parents Anne and Leo Bauer; her husband Edward; her brothers Marvin and Randy and her son

Quenten. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday October 19th, 2024 at 2PM, at the Lake Isle Hall, RR55 and HWY 633, Lac Ste Anne County, AB.

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## FARMERS MARKETS

**DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market,** Wednesdays starting May -October4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd.

dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information. We have facebook, instagram and a website.

**EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET:** Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

**May-Sept Leduc Public Market:** Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

**Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale,** 2nd Sunday each month, Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304

**Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market.** Saturday 11-3 @ Community Hall.

## BINGO

**CALMAR:** Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

## JAMBOREE

**Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center:** 12963 - 120st NW, Every

Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**DEVON:** Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

**EDMONTON:** Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

**LEDUC:** Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

**THORSBY:** meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON** for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

**CALMAR SENIORS:** Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month.

1:00PM. (587) 988-3636.

**DEVON RECREATION:** Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

**INDOOR PLAYGROUND:** Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Pleas bring a snack for your child.

**JAM DANCE & CARDS:** 1st Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781  
**"KIDS OWN WORSHIP"** an hour after-school, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780)542-5048

**MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS:** 4th Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

**MUSIC JAMBOREE:** Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

**MUSICAL PROGRAM:** every 4th Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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## MEETINGS

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**ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY:** 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

**BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS:**



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